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**FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY
OF BOSTON**

A NEW NAME FOR AN OLD SERVICE
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To the Friends of the Family Welfare Society:

I hereby convey to you the thanks of the Society for your generous contribution. I also assure you that it has done good.

The Society has 63 carefully selected and trained paid workers and over 600 volunteers. Last year they helped 3125 families comprising nearly 15,000 persons. In addition 190 persons were helped by the Bureau for the Aged and much work was done by the Confidential Exchange.

The work of the Society is essential in avoiding distress without impairing character. It involves intimate relations at critical moments and true friendship in subsequent upbuilding.

On Page 3 is a map showing the fourteen districts of the Society and a list of the conference offices. The Society will welcome the opportunity to serve you at any of these offices.

Very truly yours,

John F. Moors

President.



F A M I L Y

HEALTH CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Family Is The Pivot of Human Society

SERVICE OF FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY

The Family Welfare Society extends a helping hand to families in trouble, guiding them back to normal life. As a result of this service the family often becomes an asset rather than a liability to the community.

WORK OF FOURTEEN DISTRICTS AND BUREAU FOR THE AGED

The map on the opposite page shows the boundaries of the fourteen districts of the Society covering all of municipal Boston, and the number of families helped last year by each.

In addition the Bureau for the Aged assisted 190 old persons having no family connections.

FOREIGN BORN

Of the 3315 families visited during the year, about one-half were foreign born, thirty-four foreign countries being represented by the nativity of the heads of these families. Helping these families to adjust themselves to their new surroundings was of incalculable value both to them and to the community.

WHAT THE TROUBLE WAS AND HOW THEY WERE HELPED

Sickness, unemployment, old age, desertion and nonsupport, in the order named, were the difficulties most frequently met. About one-half of the families visited during the year required financial relief which was given for the most part to the sick, the aged and the deserted. Wherever possible relief was given in such a way as to encourage eventual self-support. Since each family, of necessity, had to be helped in a different way, the services rendered by the Society do not readily lend themselves to classification, but include securing medical attention, finding employment, strengthening family ties, providing educational and recreational opportunities and most of all encouraging renewed efforts by those who had become discouraged by continued failures.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The Society recognizes its responsibility for interpreting the facts as seen in its every day work in such a way as to bring about conditions more favorable to the development of family life. With this end in view, during the past year a cost of living study was issued in which costs for this year and last year were compared; a bill before the Legislature providing for the reservation of public work in order that it might be done at a time of state wide industrial depression was supported; jointly with a number of other agencies an effort was made to deal with street begging; a study showing the effects of prohibition on families known to the Society to have been suffering from intemperance in 1919 was published and a stand was taken either for or against other measures which directly affected family life.

CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE CENTRAL INDEX

Furnishes the means and the method whereby agencies communicate with one another.

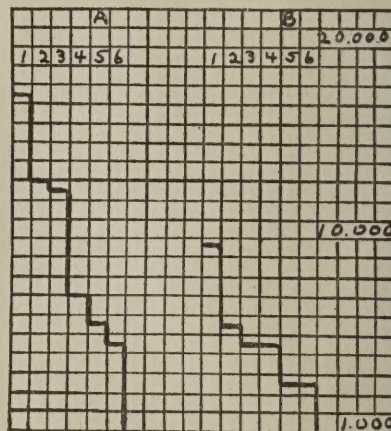


Chart A shows the number of times the central index was consulted by each group of agencies as indicated by the numbers shown on the chart and listed in the summary. Chart B shows the number of identifications for each group.

SUMMARY

By taking the number of inquiries handled for the

1 Health Group.....	17,793 and adding
2 Family Group.....	12,954
3 Cities Outside of Boston.....	12,386
4 Child Helping Group.....	7,047
5 Boarding Homes Group.....	5,596
6 Miscellaneous Group.....	4,603

Total Received (1923-1924) 60,379

you will get some idea of the volume of work that passed through the central index in the year ending April 30, 1924.

Boston Herald, May 17, 1924.

NEW YEAR

As the work of the Society becomes better understood, it is often called upon to help families in which there is no financial problem. This means that even during years of comparative prosperity the resources of the Society are severely taxed not only in assisting the aged, the sick and the deserted, but others who because of the nature of their difficulties do not require financial assistance.

As shown by the financial statement on the last page of this folder, the deficit of the Society last year was \$7,975.57. If it is to do its work properly this year, further increase in expenses is inevitable. The Society depends for its existence upon the support of its contributors, upon the service of many volunteers, upon the co-operation of other social agencies and upon the generosity of the press in making known its work to the public. Success this year will be assured if all of these continue their interest and help to secure the interest and support of others.

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Our Field of Service
The Entire City of Boston, with an
office in every district



LOCATION OF OFFICES
1923-24

	Number of Families Served
1 East Boston 8 Porter Street	256
2 Charlestown 3 Dexter Row	250
3 South Boston 469a Broadway	273
4 Dorchester 746 Dudley Street	276
5 Allston-Brighton 153 Brighton Avenue	76
6 North End 342 Hanover Street	261
7 West End 16 McLean Street	182
8 South End 42 Church Street	329
9 Crosstown 56 Worcester Street	424
10 Roxbury Crossing 1140 Columbus Avenue	283
11 Warren 20 John Eliot Square	245
12 Jamaica Plain Municipal Building	153
13 Bellevue 15 Birch Street	61
14 Hyde Park 1219 River Street	128

INCOME ACCOUNT — GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Through District Financial Secretaries including \$1125 from Committee on Permanent Charity Fund	\$ 36,781.89
Through Central Board	33,501.13
To Confidential Exchange	1,814.00
From Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund	4,000.00
From Trustees of Alice Higgins Lothrop Memorial	222.21
INVESTMENTS	
Income from Funds	20,401.02
Interest on bank balances	384.68
Annuities	1,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS	31.92
	<u>\$98,336.85</u>
Appropriation from Unrestricted Funds to cover deficit	7,975.57
	<u>\$106,312.42</u>

EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT SERVICE	
Salaries	\$49,949.83
Rent, heat, light, telephone, carfares, postage, supplies and equipment and miscellaneous	11,673.23
Workers in training salaries	4,294.61
Tuition	115.00
	<u>\$66,032.72</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE, INCLUDING FINANCE AND EXTENSION DEPARTMENTS	
Salaries	17,269.45
Stationery, postage, printing, telephone, supplies, annual report, publicity and miscellaneous	8,414.06
	<u>25,683.51</u>
CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE	
Salaries	9,945.90
Postage, printing, telephone, supplies and miscellaneous	1,730.26
	<u>11,676.16</u>
BUREAU FOR AGED	
Salaries	1,872.64
Supplies, telephone, carfares and miscellaneous	458.41
	<u>2,331.05</u>
CONTRIBUTION TO BOSTON COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES	
	490.00
MISCELLANEOUS	98.98
	<u>\$106,312.42</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT — FAMILY RELIEF

During the year ending April 30, 1924, the Society secured as contributions for Family Relief \$82,581.96. This does not include money given directly to clients at the instance of the Society by those who preferred to give in this way and whose contributions, therefore, did not pass through the accounts of the Society.

RECEIPTS

CASH ON HAND, April 30, 1923	\$2,855.77
CONTRIBUTIONS secured from	
Funds and societies including \$10,669.56 from the Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund	56,545.06
Benevolent Individuals	18,875.97
Relatives	5,311.09
Churches	1,155.11
Employers	694.73
REFUNDS by persons helped by Society	2,221.97
INTEREST received on bank balances	51.64
	<u>\$87,711.34</u>

EXPENDITURES

FOR RELIEF	
Regular Allowances	\$36,172.47
Temporary Relief	45,460.30
Emergency Relief	2,333.02
	<u>\$83,965.79</u>
REFUNDS TO DONORS	
	1,132.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$85,098.61</u>
CASH ON HAND APRIL 30, 1924	2,612.73
	<u>\$87,711.34</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (principal may be used)

GENERAL USE	
Book Value April 30, 1923	\$213,343.57
James F. Bliss — bequest	2,338.39
Harriet S. Haseltine — bequest	3,500.00
Mary Pratt — bequest	10,000.00
Charles A. Vialle — bequest	1,970.00
Margaret Lee — additional bequest	263.00
Profit on Sale of investments	2,572.25
	<u>\$238,984.21</u>
DEDUCT	
Income deficit	\$7,975.57
Net transfer reallocating funds	2,727.25
	<u>10,702.82</u>
Book Value April 30, 1924, General Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$223,281.39</u>
SPECIAL USE	
Book Value April 30, 1923	\$21,010.99
Harriet Maria Champney — bequest	1,063.36
	<u>\$22,074.35</u>
DEDUCT	
Net transfer reallocating funds	2,000.00
Book Value April 30, 1924, Special Unrestricted Funds	<u>20,074.35</u>
BOOK VALUE all Unrestricted Funds April 30, 1924	<u>\$248,355.74</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS (principal not to be used)

GENERAL USE	
Book Value April 30, 1923	\$113,845.24
Andrew C. Slater — bequest	4,000.00
Charles Tidd Baker Fund — one-half income for year added to principal	254.69
Net transfer reallocating funds	1,211.25
	<u>\$119,311.18</u>
DEDUCT	
Kudratsky Fund	100.00
Book Value April 30, 1924, General Restricted Funds	<u>\$119,211.18</u>
SPECIAL USE	
Book Value April 30, 1923	\$54,655.90
Transfer from Dorchester Relief Society	12,932.78
Rebecca Eddy — bequest	7,156.97
Transfer reallocating funds	3,516.00
Accrued interest	824.98
	<u>\$79,086.63</u>
Book Value April 30, 1924, Special Restricted Funds	<u>\$79,086.63</u>
BOOK VALUE all Restricted Funds April 30, 1924	<u>\$198,297.81</u>

PRINCIPAL CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Principal Cash on Hand April 30, 1923	\$26,138.85
Sale of securities, etc.	25,058.03
Bequests and gifts, not including securities received from Dorchester Relief Society	31,359.29
	<u>\$82,556.17</u>

EXPENDITURES

Purchase of securities	\$46,023.75
Transfer to current expense to meet deficit	7,975.57
Principal Cash on Hand April 30, 1924	28,556.85
	<u>\$82,556.17</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Total all funds, including Principal cash April 30, 1924	\$446,653.55
Total all funds, including Principal cash April 30, 1923	407,752.70
Net Gain in Principal Funds	<u>\$38,900.85</u>

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We Hereby Certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Family Welfare Society of Boston for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1924. We have examined the investments held by the Society, and have verified the cash on hand at April 30, 1924. We have satisfied ourselves that the cash receipts and disbursements during the year have been properly recorded on the books.

The balance sheet and the statements of cash receipts and disbursements on account of principal and income, in our opinion, correctly set forth the financial condition of the Society as of April 30, 1924, and its operations for the year ended at that date as disclosed by its books of account.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. RITTENHOUSE & COMPANY,
Certified Public Accountants.

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